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New Community Estates Dedicated

New Community Estates was dedicated on a bright, sunny September morning as the newest addition to New Community Corporation's 3,000 units of affordable housing. The \$6.9 million townhouse rental development has transformed almost the entire city block bounded by Camden Street, 14th Avenue, Fairmount Avenue and 15th Avenue.

Two residents were part of the open-

ing ceremonies and eloquently expressed the real meaning of New Community's work.

Eugene Levell, whose mother, Tina, was the Administrative Assistant for NCC's Department of Development until her death early this year, said that her efforts had been dedicated to making Newark a better place and now his 14-month old twins would be growing up in a better place.

Rev. Pansie Osborne explained how she and her husband were able to become foster parents in the New Community network because they are now living in an apartment large enough for their two youngsters and for foster siblings who need loving care.

Vanessa Street, NCC Director of Management, who presided at the ceremony, reflected that this was the time "when New Community Estates no longer belongs to the planners, the developers, the bankers, the architect or the builders. It is now a place called 'home'."

New Community Estates could not have become a reality without the partnership of many of the people who were on hand to mark the occasion.

Newark Mayor Sharpe James and Central Ward Councilman George Branch were the first officials to voice praise for the townhouses. Financial assistance from the City of Newark in-

cluded tax abatement, community development block grant, balanced housing funds and regional contribution agreement.

The townhouses were built with the financial support of member banks of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York and participants of their Affordable Housing Program. Alfred A. Dellibovi, President of The Federal Home Loan Bank of New York presented certificates to the participating banks: Investors Savings Bank, whose president, Patrick Grant, received New Community's grateful appreciation for serving as sponsoring partner; Gibraltar Savings Bank, F.L.A., represented by Alga Monaco, Vice President; First DeWitt Savings Bank, S.L.A., represented by Joe Burghardt, Manager of the Construction Loan Department; and American Savings and Loan Association of Bloomfield, represented by Katherine (Continued on page 3)



Alfred A. Dellibovi, President, Federal Home Loan Bank of N.Y.; Lawrence V. Costiglio, Director, Federal Housing Finance Board; and Vanessa Street, Director, NCC Management, share a joyous moment together in the play area at NCC Estates as the culmination of their efforts are realized in the beautiful new housing development.

New Jersey Equity Fund Introduced AT NJHMF Trade Show

New Jersey Housing Opportunity Fund, LLC, a new state-wide equity fund designed by New Community Corporation to fund affordable housing throughout New Jersey, attracted quite a bit of attention at the New Jersey Housing Mortgage and Finance Agency Trade Show and Convention held at the Meadowlands Hilton September 20 and 21.

The fund is being sponsored by Garden State Affordable Housing, Inc., a new nonprofit corporation created by New Community and organized by Intrust of New Jersey, Inc. Intrust has established similar successful state-specific equity funds

in Texas, Pennsylvania and Washington State.

The fund's trade show booth at the Meadowlands was staffed by Intrust employees Steve Tindall, who manages the firm's marketing function, and David Holden, who manages their project acquisition activities. They were assisted by Mort Goldfein, NCC's Director of Community Investment, and Larry Goldston, NCC's Assistant Director of Development.

Visitors to the booth included William Pascarell, Mayor of Paterson and a member of the State Assembly, State housing officials, and sponsors (Continued on page 5)

New Community Corporation Opens New Job Training Center



Former CET student and current N.J. Transit employee Robert Stubbs speaks about the positive influence the job training program has had on his life.

New Community Corporation has formally opened its new Center for Employment Training at 393 Central Avenue, Newark, which brings together all of NCC's job training programs under one roof.

The newly renovated rental facility is the centralized site of courses in facility maintenance, child care associate, nursing assistant, commercial food service, home health aide, community health worker and basic skills training. All courses, materials and uniforms are provided at no cost to the students.

The CET programs are designed to serve those most in need. Consequently, CET does not have entry requirements as do almost all other schools. Each student is given self-paced learning and individualized attention and counseling. Job placement is considered part of the CET program. Major funding sources for the CET program include the Ford Foundation and the Victoria Foundation; US

Department of Housing and Urban Development and the US Department of Health and Human Services; the NJ Department of Labor and NJ Department of Human Services; the Essex County Family Development Program; and on the local level, the Mayors Office for Employment Training (Continued on page 5)



NCC Director of Community Investment Mort Goldfein and Paterson Mayor William Pascarell discuss affordable housing at the N.J. Housing Mortgage and Finance Agency trade show and convention.

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Delegation From China Views New Community's Work

Twenty five members of a Chinese delegation dined at The Priory and toured NCC Pathmark as part of their visit to the United States and Canada.

Led by Ms. Ruoyin Qian, Deputy General Manager and Senior Economist of China National Overseas Trading Corporation, the group included two Deputy Mayors, Mr. Ruzheng Li of Ma Anshan City and Mr. Minghan Ma of Jia Musi City. Others in the delegation were involved in real estate, housing, development, construction, planning and design, technological, architectural and economic planning in China.

Ms. Qian expressed appreciation and admiration for the work of New Community, saying through her interpreter, "You help people who are needy people and it is very impressive."

In planning its visit, the group had expressed to the City of Newark particular interest in seeing two Newark

sites — the New Jersey Performing Arts Center and the NCC Pathmark. The delegation also received a guided bus tour of other Newark points of interest, including new housing developments.

During a buffet lunch at The Priory, Msgr. William Linder described the growth of New Community and the significant role of non profit organizations in community development achievements.

Touring with the delegation were Glenn Grant, Newark Business Administrator; Deputy Mayors Ramona Santiago and William Narvaez; Catherine Cuomo Cecere, Assistant Business Administrator; Rosemary Hocking, Newark's Director of Development; Harold Lucas, Newark Housing Authority Director; and Al Faiella, Executive Director of the Newark Economic Development Authority.



Monsignor Linder and Harold Lucas play gracious hosts to the touring Chinese delegation during their visit to Newark.

Bradley Banking Bill Signed Into Law

New Community hailed US Senator Bill Bradley's leadership in the enactment of the community banking law, which was signed by President Clinton on September 23.

Bradley called the measure "one of the most tangible ways the federal government can promote economic development in American's urban neighborhoods."

Raymond Corder, NCC Director of Development, said the new law will be of "enormous benefit for inner city residents for small business loans, tuition, auto and personal loans — things that are difficult to obtain in urban areas. Senator Bradley's continuing commitment to rebuilding our cities has once again resulted in a law that will translate into new economic opportunities for city residents."

The Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act largely mirrors Bradley's original proposal, which he authored in March of 1993. Bradley's initiative was the foundation for the new law that authorizes \$382 million in assistance for community development banks, credit unions and loan funds.

"Saving for the future is a fundamental American value, one not limited to the wealthy," Bradley said. "By supporting community banks, this bill gives people who are struggl-

ing access to critical financial resources."

The banking legislation will expand the ability of community financial institutions to provide small business loans, generate jobs in the community, develop low-income housing, and create more vibrant urban economies.

Bradley pointed to the work of the New Community Federal Credit Union as an example of the major impact that is being made by such financial institutions. NCC Federal Credit Union has \$2.2 million in assets and over 1800 members.

"Most of us take banks for granted," Bradley said. "But to an urban resident who only has a check cashing cubicle to go to, saving money or getting a loan seems like an impossibility."

Funds would go to institutions whose primary mission is providing lending and economic development assistance to low-income, underserved areas. The New Jersey Department of Banking has estimated the bill could bring \$14 million in aid to New Jersey.

"This bill does not set development strategies for either the financial institutions or the communities they serve," Bradley noted. "Instead, it allows those people involved in the struggle for economic recovery to find their own path."



Members of the delegation from China tour our spacious, sparkling clean and well stocked Pathmark store.

Director Of Human Services On WWOR's Black Experience

Florence Williams, NCC Director of Human Services appeared as a guest on a new WWOR Channel 9 talk show on Sunday, September 25th at 10:30 p.m. The show is Black Experience, a new prime time show hosted by veteran WWOR-9 Newscaster Reg Wells. Mrs. Williams and Congresswoman Donald Payne were the first guests to be interviewed by Wells in

the premier edition of the show.

The program's discussion centered on the needs of at risk youth and New Community's success with revitalizing Newark Neighborhoods.

Black Experience is WWOR-9's first prime time public affairs show. The program immediately followed the Sunday night 10:00 p.m. Newscast.

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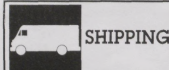
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Msgr. Linder Testifies Before Economic Master Plan Commission

Msgr. Wm. J. Linder was asked to speak before the Economic Master Plan Commission on August 30, 1994.

After reviewing NCC's track record for the members, he spoke of New Community's need for both public and private for profit partners in its mission to serve low income neighborhoods, noting that there had been opportunities lost by the rigidity of government officials or because business failed to see the importance of corporate social responsibility.

On the other hand, he recounted also that low income housing had been successfully built because corporate and government partners cared, as well as day care for AIDS, transitional housing for homeless families and the first major food market in Newark's Central Ward.

The Task Force on Urban Economic Development within the Economic Master Plan drew his attention with a hope that ideas relating to the unemployed and to low wage earners be explored.

With many years of experience in Newark he noted that if welfare reform is to be successful, there must be an increase in entry level jobs; in-

dustry and training programs must match to the same drummer. There is a need for user-friendly lifetime learning at the work site so that entry level jobs can be turned into careers, all education needs to be brought to the work site as part of an effort to create a "culture of learning" in our poor communities.

Government needs an environment which encourages imagination and creativity, he told the group. It also needs to expand the number of programs directly funded since working with different divisions of government on the same project increases the cost and delays the process. Thirdly he suggested that State agencies must explore not only new ways to work together with their non-government partners, but also with others within State government.

"I am personally convinced after living and working for over 31 years in our City of Newark that a shared vision and cooperation from all segments of community would offer to all the opportunity for a dignified human life and an environment supportive of God's Kingdom on earth," he concluded.

New Community Estates Dedication...



William Reeves
First Fidelity Bank



New Residents
Arlene and Antwone Young.



New Resident
Eugene Levell



New Residents
Lillian Wilson and her grandson,
Terence Thomas.



The beautiful new housing development at NCC Estates (shown here on Camden Street) features 56 fully modern 2 and 3 bedroom units, including 3 ranch-style handicapped units. All of the units feature wall to wall carpeting, washer & dryer, as well as contemporary kitchens stocked with brand new coordinating appliances.

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Bringuier, Vice President and Lending Officer.

The Federal Home Loan Bank of New York is an AAA rated, Congressionally chartered, wholesale bank, which is owned by neighborhood lenders in New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. In effect, Bank members forego a percentage of their earnings on Bank stock to support projects that help to fulfill its mission financing affordable housing.

Ms. Street expressed New Community's gratitude to William Reeves, Executive Director of First Fidelity Bank, for First Fidelity's significant role as an equity investor.

Bellemead Construction Company, the general contractor, served an additional role of providing construction financing for the development.

The State of New Jersey, represented by Stewart Bresler of the NJ Housing Mortgage Finance Agency, contributed Balanced Housing Funding through the Department of Community Affairs.

U.S. Senators Bill Bradley and Frank Lautenberg added their congratulations delivered by Emma Byrne, State Director for Senator Bradley, and Mada Lieberman, Special Assistant to Senator Lautenberg.

Also among the speakers was Lawrence Costiglio, Director of the Housing Finance Board, which Ms. Street called key to the success of meeting the need for affordable housing.

Barry Baker, member of the Board of Directors of New Community, looked back on the growth of New Community from its first housing development of 120 apartments to its present

size of 3,000 units of housing.

Baker led a special salute and applause for Joe Chaneyfield, a founding member of New Community and NCC Vice President, and Newton Richards, Secretary of the NCC Board.

He said the first NCC venture — New Community Homes — transformed the conventional concept of what "affordable urban housing should look like." Attending his first dedication as a Board Member, Baker said, "I am especially proud that New Community Estates continues the NCC tradition of breaking the mold of what urban affordable housing should look like."

New Community Estates is composed of two and three bedroom homes with on-site parking and outdoor recreational facilities. The townhouses are elegant, with varied facades that display individual character and style. The floor plans provide more open space. The children's playground uses the newest material to create a soft and safe ground surface for youngsters at play. Helena Ruman, AIA, was the architect.

The event was a New Community network celebration, including participation from the New Community Neighborhood Shopping Center's World of Foods and Center for Employment Training Food Service Students, who provided the refreshments; the New Community Print and Copy Shop, which furnished the invitations and programs; and a gift to guests from NCC's Dunkin' Donuts. The music was by The Bradford Hayes Quartet, which is often featured at jazz nights at The Priory located in St. Joseph Plaza, the home of New Community Corporation.



Alfred A. DelliBovi
Federal Home Loan Bank of N.Y.



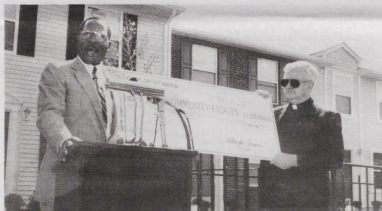
New Residents
Debra Works and her daughter and grandson, Rosalyn and Jaquin Works.



Pat Grant
Investors Savings Bank



New Residents
Tina Garner and her children,
Gerald Garmony and Jasmine Garner.



Msgr. Wm. J. Linder, founder of New Community and Newark Mayor Sharpe James display ceremonial check representing City's help. Cooperation of federal, state, city and private financial entities made the Estates project possible.



At the dedication of New Community Estates, residents applauded and cheered Newark Mayor Sharpe James when he promised they would "see action in 30 days" on the two abandoned Fairmount Street houses that are across the street from Estates.

The Street Festival: A Fun Place To Meet

Shortly after 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 17, the parking lot at Harmony House and activity room at the NCC Extended Care Facility began to buzz with activity. Balloons puffed up quickly and floated in bunches out to waiting vehicles and banners to announce a special celebration — the annual NCC Network Street Festival.

An errant banner to be carried was quickly repaired thanks to Sr. Anastasia Hearne's trusty staple gun and other banners were displayed by transportation vehicles from our many departments — medical, maintenance, Pathmark, etc.

Hidden beneath pink and blue pom-poms was a Babyland bus, while children from Babyland marching in the parade sported snappy blue T-shirts encouraging onlookers to "Give love, give life, be a blood donor."

Grand Marshal for the Festival Parade was Joe Chaneyfield, one of New Community's founders. Unfortunately, illness landed him in the hospital just before the event, but it was decided there would be no replacement — "because Joe simply can't be replaced." He wished us luck.

NCC Senior Queen Phyllis Burton and Senior King Robert Sinclair enjoyed places of honor in an open convertible leading the way. In a joint statement they thanked NCC for the honor, noting that since becoming part of New Community they "really have been able to appreciate life."

The tireless efforts of Florence Williams, NCC Director of Human Services, made the event come to life as she organized the efforts of representatives not only from the senior and family housing but Youth Services, Babyland, New Beginnings Health Spa, NCC Fashion Institute,

Home Families, CET, Harmony House, Extended Care, Hispanic Development, Central Maintenance, Social Services, Home Health Care, Management, Human Services, Security and Public Affairs. "People had a job and did it; then even the weather cooperated," said Florence.



The whole of New Community proudly marched to display the results of years of hard work to the neighborhood which has reaped its benefit.

Sharanda Evans from Human Services "likes the idea because it brings about some togetherness."

Rev. Lavunia Green, chaplain for the Senior Advisory Board resides at 1 South 8th St. (NCC Roseville) where she has found friends and people who care since she retired. She enjoys being active and reaching out to help peo-

ple which living in New Community offers and feels "we are all a big family — all of NCC."

New to the parade this year was a marvelous reviewing stand, beautifully decorated in green and white flowers, and so very sturdy that the seniors — some of whom enjoyed the

occasion and we hoped to put it in the Clarion, but unfortunately, shortly afterward his camera was stolen. If anyone would like to return it, or even just the film, there would be no questions asked. Just drop it off at 220 Bruce St. or St. Joseph Plaza in an envelope marked Clarion.

They were really disappointed. President of the NCC Board of Directors, Arthur Wilson, really enjoyed the performances of the children from Youth Services, Harmony House and St. Rose as they reached the reviewing stand. The color guard smartly presented colors when it arrived to be reviewed.

Up on the stand, Marion Simpson, who is a longtime and very active resident commented "New Community has meant a lot to me." Since moving into the first senior building she has enjoyed all the services provided, especially Meals on Wheels. Ruby Martin, a Babyland caregiver, found that "it has improved my life. I love working with children, especially infants. It's beautiful." With 17 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren she certainly seems well qualified.

After the parade, people gathered in the festival area to listen to music, jump on an airless type game and sample such yummy things as homemade sweet potato pie, peach cobbler and other wonderful cakes, watermelon and sandwiches.

Highlight of the day for Sr. Anastasia was the Karate exhibition by children both young and old.

The "Mummers" were super too.

What a great day! Thanks to all.

Fish Fry Has An Added Attraction

This year the New Community Friday Night Festival Fish Fry had an extra attraction which kept the crowds of hungry people connected to their seats just a while longer, but, before we get into that, let it be known that if you missed the fish fry you missed a meal. The members of the New Community Family Advisory Board, headed by Gloria Chambers, had the area surrounding New Community Associates singing with the tantalizing aroma of fresh fish frying and hush puppies sizzling, not to mention the golden fried chicken. Bertha Brown, Annie Latham, Althea Latham, Georgia Willis, Mae Harper and several other behind the scenes workers under the guidance of Gloria labored most of the day and into the night to meet the demand of the throngs of residents and employees who could not resist the mouth watering invitation to such a delicious meal.

Having satisfied the appetite, many of the guests remained seated to be dazzled by the sounds of D.J. Rosen

Devore as he spun music of the yesteryear and added a musical background for, "Reflections of You" a fashion showcase featuring models from the community, friends and family.

The categories included fashions from daywear, evening and a closing bridal selection. Mrs. Margie Woods a senior resident of Associates stunned the audience when she made her entrance wearing a red corset evening dress which fit her to perfection. Mrs. Woods was a second place winner in the Newark City-wide senior fashion show in 1994, winning the title of Honorary Senior City Council President of the City of Newark.

Mrs. Thelma Castledwood, the President of the Senior Advisory Council flowed on stage in a delicate off white chiffon evening dress with multicolored ruffles accenting her every movement. Joyce Laquer, a resident of Associates proudly showed off an ensemble which she had fashioned herself, a black top coat and matching

hat trimmed in gold lame. Phyllis Burton, the President of the 180 Gospel Choir, looked rather dapper as she strutted in a bone two piece jacket dress, while Verdel Moses showed off a gorgeous ethnic ensemble made by Tiplahs Wear, sellers of fine Afrocentric wear located in downtown Newark.

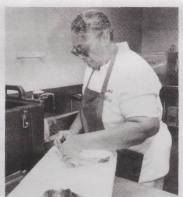
The children of Jordana Johnson, Chezare and Michael looked lovely dressed in their best. Michael, who is



Freshly fried fish...yum, yum!

five years old was simply charming as he took off his jacket to reveal his suspenders and take a pose. His comment, "Did I do it?" He certainly did and another mother's face beamed as she watched reflections of herself walking across the floor. Also participating were cousins of the Magee family, Charie and Kasson a cousin of the Johnson family.

Next came Robinette Arthur, member of the Social Services staff and her daughter, Kristine and their friend Wanda. Representing St. Rose of Lima was Andrea, daughter of Joyce Cook, who is no stranger to the world of modeling, having her made her debut at the age of one year in a Babyland Fashion Show. The grand finale was a wedding dress in the African styling designed and made by Joyce Cook, as were several of the



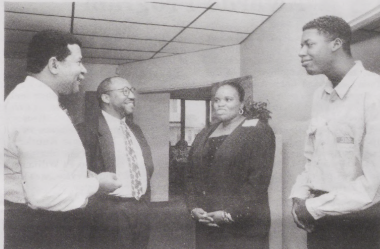
Cleaning fish takes expertise.

fashions which appeared in the show.

Special thanks go out to the friends and families who helped to make this show a success, like the Cook cousins, Robin, Kimberly, and Tasha Catoe who said they would enjoy being in the show overnight. To Greg Wertz, who added that special masculine flavor and had the young ladies asking, "Who is he?" He is a resident of New Community who wanted it to be known that he is about intelligence and family. To his mother and co-worker at Social Services, Debra Wertz who along with Emma Jean Curlin (also of the Social Services Department) supplied eye catching hats which all the models enjoyed displaying. To our entertainers, including Edna Gillians of Gardens Senior who recited a poem on the aging of time, Khalif, another young member of the Johnson family, who also recited a poem, entitled a "Friends Prayer" and finally to little Jessica a member of the Magee family who recited her favorite poem about the Black Family.



New Job Training Center Opens...



NCC's Dr. Larry Leverett (left) and The Victoria Foundation's Elliott Lee discuss future goals with CET graduates Charlotte Neely and Sammy Alston.

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ing, JTPA.

Newark Mayor Sharpe James hailed the opening as "another important step by the City of Newark and New Community in advancing economic growth by ensuring that our residents will have the skills to take advantage of new job opportunities."

The ceremony was hosted on behalf of NCC by Dr. Larry Leverett, NCC Director of Learning.

NCC's CET program began operation in March 1993 as part of a U.S. Department of Labor program to replicate the CET program developed in San Jose, California.

The CET method of job training involves a holistic approach that:

- *enrolls all who apply regardless of their skill level or intake.
- *allows for open-entry and exit for each student.
- *integrates vocational and basic skills.
- *provides multiple-ability instruction.
- *develops courses tied to the needs

of local industry.

- *meets accreditation standards.
- *incorporates personal counseling, advocacy and case management.
- *provides referrals for housing, child care and health needs.
- *emphasizes job placement and alumni counseling.

Because of its own network, New Community is able to provide onsite, practical experience for CET students in NCC programs and facilities: Commercial Foods students in the World of Foods, The Priory Restaurant and Sandwich Shop, Babyland and Extended Care Facility; Facility Maintenance in NCC housing; Certified Nursing Assistant at Extended Care Facility; Home Health Aide in Home Health Care; Community Health Worker in the Social Services Department. Another course, training for Child Development Associate, will begin shortly and have the advantage of experience in Babyland Nursery, which is part of the New Community Network.



The elaborate (and edible) food displays provided by the commercial foods students really wowed the invited guests at the opening reception.

New Jersey Equity Fund...

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of low income projects in several cities. To help with the review and selection of the properties to be funded in New Jersey, Garden State has formed an advisory board composed of housing advocates from throughout the state. To date, six advisory board members have been chosen. Together they represent a vast pool of experience in affordable housing, finance, government and community issues.

Advisory board members will include Larry Goldston, from NCC, Mary Gay Abbott-Young, Executive Director of the Rescue Mission of Trenton; Boyce Adams, President of Moorestown Ecumenical Neighbor-

hood Development, Inc.; William R. Deever, Executive Director of First Fidelity Bancorporation; Patricia Q. Sheehan, former mayor of the City of New Brunswick and a past Chairman of the New Jersey Housing Finance Agency; Dr. Anthony Villane, past Regional Administrator for the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and Ronald N. Wise, civic activist and member of various boards including Habitat for Humanity Newark.

New Jersey Housing Opportunity Fund expects to begin funding properties by November of this year. Organizations interested in funding for their projects should contact Steve Tindall of Intrust at (800) 645-4588.

NCC Offers High-Tech Computer Training For Staff

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The effective use of computers in the work place requires continuing education and training.

On Monday, September 19th, twenty eager employees of our NCC Network attended our INTRO TO THE PC class, held at the newly opened NCC/CET Headquarters located at 393 Central Avenue. We are holding classes twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Our current enrollment is forty employees representing the entire Network, with a large waiting list. We are fortunate to have Marcia Gaskins-Slueue, Education Coordinator for CET, as our instructor.

The Staff Development Department is encouraging all employees using the computer in their current position but having limited knowledge, as well as those with no knowledge, to enroll in this class. Acquiring computer skills will not only help you now, but also prepare you for future job openings that require computer skills.

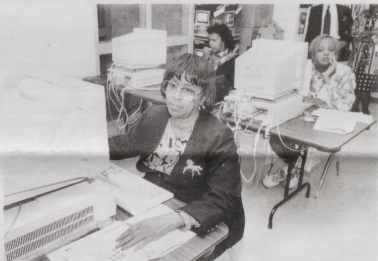
The Center for Employment Training (CET) concept of open entry/open exit will be used, that is, there is no set starting date, nor is there a graduation per se. The course will be tailored to individual students. This format allows our students to learn according



Marcia Gaskins-Slueue reviews basic computer skills.

to the specific requirements of their job i.e. word processing, spread sheets, charts, graphics. When they have acquired all the knowledge they want or need, they may leave, opening a space for another person.

If you are interested in enrolling in future classes, please call the Staff Development Department at (201) 623-6947.



Lemira Reese (foreground) and Denise Phillips-Clark and Orlanda Simmons (rear) brush up on their computer skills.

New Community Honors Home Health Aides On First Anniversary

A group of proud professionals was honored at a luncheon at the Priory Restaurant, to celebrate the completion of their first year of employment as home health aides.

The women were all residents of New Community's transitional housing facility, Harmony House, when they received their home health aide training. They were the first students to complete the course under the New Community Center for Employment Training program, known as CET.

The luncheon in their honor was part of the celebration of the newly

renovated CET facility at 393 Central Avenue.

The Home Health Aides attending the celebration were Denise Brown, Geraldine Clark, Veronica Hinnant, Veronica Mitchell, Charlotte Neely, Evelyn Rogers, Catherine Snipes and Georgette White. Among those who joined to honor them were Sister Ann Tumulty, Home Health Care Director; Florence Williams, NCC Human Services Director; June Rodriguez-Simmons, Acting Administrator of Harmony House; and Sister Catherine Moran.



Full Calendar For Human Services Department

September was full of activity in the New Community Department of Human Services.

Partnership For A Healthy Community

Priscilla Jordan-Scott, R.N., B.S.N., assumed the position of Project Coordinator for the Partnership for a Healthy Community in joint effort of New Community and Project HOPE, the Virginia based international health education organization, funded by a grant of \$250,000 dollars from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

The project will train 30 Community Health Workers by the end of 1995. They will be employed by various community organizations to provide health education and conduct outreach in Newark.

The training is being offered under the auspices of the NCC Center for Employment Training. Ms. Jordan-Scott is also acting as primary instructor, assisted by Mr. Charles Slade. Over the next few weeks, Ms. Jordan-Scott will meet with members of the Project HOPE Advisory Committee to identify internship sites and potential employers. Mr. Phil Shannon, Director of the Project HOPE Community Health Worker project in South Texas spent a week here at New Community assisting Ms. Jordan-Scott & Mr. Slade with operational issues. He will return for the next meeting of the Advisory Committee which is scheduled for October 6, 1994.

Home Friends Is Ten!

The Home Friends Division will celebrate its 10th Anniversary with a gala celebration at the Priory Restaurant on October 3, 1994 at 6:00 p.m. The entire Home Friends Division, family members, and special guests will gather for a dinner and program. Home Friends with 10 years of service, including Administrator,

Elsie Best, will be honored at the event.

Children At Risk Conference

The New Community Allies For Youth Program was represented at the Children at Risk Cluster Conference, held in Savannah, Georgia, September 25th-27th. Leon Adams, NCC Director of Security, Detective Larry Brown, Newark Police Department Community Service Officer, and Florence Williams, NCC Director of Human Services represented the Allies for Youth program. The group made presentations about community policing and the Activities Component.

Florence Williams Receives Two Appointments

Florence Williams, Director of Human Services recently received two appointments in the Human Services area: Williams was sworn in as a member on the Board of the New Jersey Division of Family Development, a division of a unit within the New Jersey Department of Human Services which is responsible for management of New Jersey's public assistance programs. The appointment was approved by the Board of the Department of Human Services, the Commissioner of Human Services, William Waldman, and Governor Christie Whitman.

Mrs. Williams was also appointed to the Medicaid Managed Care Task Force by Commissioner William Waldman. The Task Force will help the Department of Human Services to develop policies and procedures for implementation of the Medicaid Managed Care initiative. Currently, the goal of the initiative is to enroll the majority of the Medicaid population in Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO's) by the end of 1995.

AFY Welcomes New Activities Coordinator

Meet the new Activities Coordinator for New Community's Allies for Youth program.

Community involvement and "giving back" are not just politically correct buzz words for Haneef Rashada. Throughout his eleven year, United States Marine Corps Career and during his employment at New Community Corporation, he has found time to involve himself with community youth.

Mr. Rashada stated that "as a sergeant in the Marines, I felt counseling troops, whether their backgrounds were similar to mine or totally different, was just as important as issuing orders. On my last six month Mediterranean tour aboard ship, I organized sporting activities, political discussion groups, as well as prayer groups. All of these activities contributed to the moral of troops."

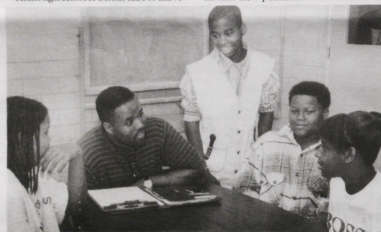
Although Haneef's next career move

led him to work with adults, he continued his job with youth. While working as a Job Developer at NCC's Employment Center, he helped to organize and also participate in several activities, such as the AFY Boot Camp for urban youth, a benefit basketball game, and an amateur athletic competition, the proceeds of which were collected to organize a college tour.

Is it no wonder he was recruited to fill the position as Activities Coordinator for NCC's Allies for Youth program.

"I would like to continue my commitment to activities with a purpose. It's not just enough to 'keep kids off the streets,' but we must give their activities direction, with goals in mind," commented Mr. Rashada.

We wish him much luck and success in this new position.



New AFY coordinator, Haneef Rashada, speaks with some of the teenagers enrolled in the after school program.

Teen Learn And Earn Awards Program

Teen Learn and Earn participants and their parents, friends and other relatives joined with New Community staff to celebrate another successful year of summer employment at the Teen Learn and Earn Awards Program; which was held Tuesday evening, September 13th, in the Atrium of St. Joseph Plaza.

The Teens and their guests enjoyed a buffet which was both delicious and beautifully displayed; after which Special Projects Coordinator Sharanda Evans presented the Teen Learn and Earn participants with well

deserved Certificates of Award. At that time, NCC work site supervisors were also recognized for their support of the program.

The program employed 71 youth in over 35 employment areas at New Community over the summer and gave youth the opportunity to participate in weekly computer literacy classes. The computer classes were conducted by Mr. Jamie Knuckles with the assistance of Ms. Sharanda Evans. Mrs. Florence P. Williams, Director of Human Services was the program Administrator.



Sharanda Evans and Florence Williams congratulate Teen Learn & Earn awardees Shanicka Green and Carswell Ransome.

Affordable Housing Network Active

The Affordable Housing Network of New Jersey convened a meeting at St. Joseph Plaza on September 20, 1994; it was the second meeting in less than two months. The Affordable Housing Network is a state wide association of over 180 non-profit housing development corporations, individuals and other organizations working together to create housing opportunities for low and moderate income residents.

The meeting was attended by representatives of many community organizations including NCC, United

The Affordable Housing Network has proposed that through a grassroots campaign, the goal of a New Jersey Housing and Jobs Initiative is attainable. The plan calls for an investment of \$500 million over three years to build 12,000 units of affordable housing.

The first action, a forum, which is tentatively scheduled for early November is still in the planning stages. A list of several possible undertakings was considered but the group agreed that a forum would be the best



Affordable Housing Network members Matt Strauss, Arnold Cohen, Leonard Robbins and Rick Sauer map out strategies.

Vailsburg Services Organization, Newark Coalition of Neighborhoods and The Urban League of Essex County. Several local residents in need of affordable housing also attended. These citizens stated they wanted to become active members in what is shaping itself into a true grass roots effort.

At the meeting strategies were developed to start actions in the community for the purpose of bringing attention to a very ambitious initiative. The initial step. The Affordable Housing

Network is dedicated to the cause of filling the severe void of available low and moderate income housing and promises an aggressive campaign.

The next meeting of the Affordable Housing Network is scheduled for October 5, from 4 to 6 p.m. at St. Joseph Plaza, 233 West Market Street. The Affordable Housing Network welcomes all and extends an invitation to the community, to become part of the on-going efforts to meet the challenge of this ambitious initiative.



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New Community Employment Center: Day One And Early Reflections

For many readers New Community Employment Center has always been there — always a part of New Community life. But that is not really the case. It was started ten years ago on August 1, 1984 by John and Mary Bins and this is a reminiscence of that first day.

9 a.m. The Bins arrive at 15 Hill St., Douglas Homes, to make their dream of an employment center in Newark a reality. Two months of dreaming followed by two months of planning are all behind them. They had made field trips to Washington and Chicago to meet with Ann Schuurman, already successful in commercial and non-profit employment; she had taught almost all she could and had given a lot of encouragement.

But the first big break had come in June when our friend, Sr. Anastasia Hearn of New Community Social Services, introduced us to Fr. Linder. He liked our idea of a jobs program and said that New Community would provide us suitable office space. It would be rent free for a year! This meant we could start organizing and could open August 1, which was just six weeks later. We were ready to go.

10 a.m. Mary is on the phone. John returns from the telephone store with 25 feet of telephone cord. The assigned offices are still in process of completion, so Mary uses the building social worker's office. John shares the adjacent reception area with job seekers and the building manager's office with the manager, except when the manager is there.

One phone line for three rooms is of course just a stop-gap measure. A new telephone system is on order by New Community. John and Mary were to spend the next six years ON THE PHONE.

11 a.m. The Bins are calling employers. A job seeker comes into the office. He has seen the sign in the front

window and needs work. The Bins are thrilled that someone has come. The publicity in the Clarion, the meetings with community organizations, the signs in the churches are all in the future.

After the client completes an application, John carries his files and the telephone on the 25 foot cord to the manager's office to interview him. This applicant is a young man and it develops that he has a little experience in building maintenance. Something to build on. He has no phone but will check back later in the day.

12 p.m. Before the job seeker (his name has passed into history) can get away, he got swept up into an opening-the-new-office celebration. Viola Cook, Pat Natali, Sr. Betsy Clark and Joyce Capoli, friends and former co-workers, surprise us with a beautiful celebratory platter, cold champagne and plastic glasses.

Surely the job seeker thought that this was one strange jobs program as he joined the toast to the fledgling Employment Center. He said, "This sure is a nice way to go job hunting!" He was probably wondering whether such a new office could do him any good. The surprise party averted well for the Employment Center. The Employment Center and the plant which they brought flourished together for many years.

1 p.m. We are on the phone. This was before the days of having files of hundreds of satisfied employers classified by type of job, so we have been calling potential employers out of the yellow pages trying to find an ideal opening for our first client. In days to come we would often spend four hours a day or more on the phone enlarging our base with employers, making appointments and following up on interviews.

2 p.m. We have a disappointed woman. We have reached an employer who wants to see our job seeker! He will interview

for a building maintenance position in the morning. Now we hope he does check back with us. (As it turned out, the interview was never held, so, at the time, we called him our first hire — and, if he had started work that Friday morning, as he was supposed to do, his name might not now be lost to history. Our first disappointment.)

It was always exciting to turn up a job opening, and whether it was for a dishwasher or an accountant, we felt that someone would be just right for the job. We also felt that there was a job out there for everyone who came to us, and we tried our best to make that come true. And when someone did land a job that was real excitement.

3 p.m. We are still continuing our calls. Also the maintenance supervisor needs an additional worker so we fill out our first job order. The time would come when we would have job orders posted onto the four walls of one office so that all the employment counselors could use them to find suitable matches with the people they were interviewing.

Our first added employment counselor was a crack-jack, Patt S. DeLuca. She started volunteering about October and was hired at a subsistence salary early the following year. Another noteworthy early timer was Mike Jackson who had placement experience before he started with us. He has now completed his ninth year at the Employment Center. In 1986 when we needed to find a director for the Employment Center we were blessed with Michelle Odom who served three fruitful years. She left the Employment Center in the capable hands of Tonya McCoy who is its director yet.

4 p.m. We are getting together drafts of fund raising letters and lists of people to whom we could send them. Tomorrow we will bring a typewriter from home. A week before we opened

we had received a grant from Victoria Foundation and we had other early financial support. Prudential Foundation and Mutual Benefit Life were early contributors and New Community supplied a five-room office suite completely furnished, a new telephone system and such vital services as security, accounting and the like.

Still those early days were hard-mouth and we depended on money raised from our solicitation letters and our newsletter to keep solvent, as low as our expenses were. Support from United Way was still almost a year away.

5 p.m. Only one person had come in all day looking for work and we thought that we would need to do something to attract more job applicants just as we were already hard at work on the phone seeking more job orders. In fact the thing that made the Employment Center take off in those early months was that we grew jobs and applicants together.

Although we put a lot of effort into finding applicants in those early weeks, as soon as we started making placements word raced through the community. People were lined up down the hall. Soon we were forced to interview job applicants by appointment only, to allow enough time to find the applicants a job and to avoid lines and disappointment.

6 p.m. As the Bins closed the office that first day they were buoyed up by the first placement...the one that they thought they had. But there was little joy to hint at the acceptance that grew in the community, the loyalty and interest of employers, the bonds that would form with job seekers and with co-workers, the fabulous success that New Community Employment Center was to become...not the effort that would be required to make it happen.

by John and Mary Bins

Black History Notes

—Researched By James E. DuBoise—

Wilma Rudolph A Triumph Of The Human Spirit

Born on June 23, 1940, in St. Bethlehem, Tennessee, Wilma Rudolph was the first American woman runner ever to win three gold medals in the Olympic games. Her performance is all the more remarkable when one considers the fact that she had double pneumonia and scarlet fever when she was a young child and could not walk without braces until age 11.

Soon after her birth the family moved to Clarksville, the town she grew up in. It was there at an early age she had an attack of double pneumonia and scarlet fever and was left with the use of her right leg only. Through daily leg massages administered in turn by different members of her family, at eight she was able to walk with a special left shoe. Three years later she discarded the shoe, and began joining her brother in backyard basketball games.

At Burt High School in Clarksville, Mississippi, Rudolph broke the state basketball record for girls while a sophomore. As a sprinter, she was undefeated in all her school and track meets. In 1957, she enrolled at Tennessee State University, and began to set her sights for the Olympics in Rome three years later. In the interim she gained National recognition in Collegiate meets, setting the world record for 200 meters in July of 1960, and the 1960 Rome Olympics earned the title of the "World's Fastest Woman" by winning gold medals for the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, (Olympic record) and for anchoring the 400-meter relay (World Record). She was named the U.S. Female

Athlete of the Year by the Associated Press in 1960. She also won the United Press Athlete of the year honors. Ms. Rudolph's last known endeavor was an assistant director of Athletics for the Mayor's Youth Foundation in Chicago.

Florence Griffith Joyner won four gold medals during recent Olympic games. Unlike Rudolph, she did not have to overcome the problem of being handicapped in order to do so.

A Boost For Education

The Children's Future Fund, an organization founded by Billy Sweeting of Central Maintenance and comprised of members of the St. Rose of Lima Family, held its 1st annual fund raiser on September 10, 1994. The event, billed as a Caribbean Experience, involved Caribbean, Spanish and Southern food and culture.

As a consequence of this effort, on Sunday, September 18th, at the NCC Celebration of Ministry service at St. Rose of Lima Church, Mr. Sweeting presented Monsignor William Linder and Mr. Art Wilson a check for \$2,700 to the St. Rose of Lima scholarship Fund pledging that it was only the first of many donations which the Children's Future Fund will be making to this educational effort.

Camillus Ventour
Vice Chairman
Children's Future Fund

Honors For NCFCU



Helping to present the certificate which acknowledges the admission of the New Community Federal Credit Union into the Federal Home Loan Bank of N.Y. system are (left to right): Ray Codey, Al Whitfield, Stephanie Barnett, Tonya Smith and William Callahan.

GoodStarts Program Has Openings

The GoodStarts Program, at Babyland II, re-opened for children on September 9, for the 1994-95 school years.

We have three new employees on our staff: Bedelia Davis is our new Social Service Specialist. She has an Associates Degree in Social Work, has worked for the Welfare Board in Orange, has supervisory experience, and is fluent in both Spanish and English.

Patricia Kennedy, our new Certified Teacher in a 4 year old class, has been employed as a pre-school/kinder-garten teacher for the past three years.

Marilyn Clinton, our new Assistant Teacher in a 4 year old class, has recently gotten her CDA Degree. She has been employed as a pre-school teacher for the past three years.

The GoodStarts Program is a free program for 3 and 4 year olds. If you are a Newark resident, and meet the Income Eligibility Guidelines, we still have a few openings for 4 year olds (children born in 1990).

If you are in need of our services, call Bedelia Davis at 481-3244 or Gloria Leibowitz at 481-0039.

Gloria Leibowitz
Center Director

New Assistant Director Of Service Operations At Babyland

Margaret Gibson Adams joined the staff of Babyland recently as Assistant Director of Service Operations. Mrs. Adams comes to Babyland after 5 years of service to The Kid's Place at Clara Maass Medical Center as coordinator of child care services. Mrs. Adams has a Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision of Early Childhood Centers at Kent State University, as well as a B.S. in Early Childhood Education from the same institution. Her eleven years of teaching experience ranges from Kindergarten to 2½ year olds.

Mrs. Adams says her favorite age group are the four year olds. She has 12 years of Administrative experience. In addition to her service to Clara Maass, she was Head Teacher and Director at Presbyterian Nursery School on the Green in Bloomfield. In addition to this, Mrs. Adams worked for several summers with the YWCA of Westfield with their summer camp program.

Mrs. Adams enjoyed her work with children and on the behalf of children. She hopes to work closely with the staff to offer the best educational service to the children of Babyland. The two areas she sees benefiting the children include the CET/CDA Training Program for the staff and the National Academy Accreditation standards from the National Association of

Educators of Young Children.

The CET/CDA Program will really assist Babyland in offering state-of-the-art education for the children. Currently the system of higher education is not producing qualified trained individuals to teach in early childhood programs, especially in infant and toddler programs. This training program is an alternate route program that emphasizes the practical, hands on approach in the classroom concept for adult learning. The joint program will have 40 candidates — 20 selected by Babyland and 20 chosen by the Center for Employment Training (CET) — who will have an opportunity to apply their classroom study in the laboratory setting of Babyland 3 under the close supervision of their mentors who are supervisors from the Babyland system.

Our adult students will practice what we preach — "Hands on Learning" and "Learn by Doing." The CET/CDA program began in late September and will continue on through June, 1995. The program is under the direction of Sr. Mary Sheridan in conjunction with Essex County College and the CET program.

Mrs. Adams and the entire Supervisory Staff of Babyland are giving their support to the success of this program.

Parent-Child Center Programs Foster Parent Involvement

Babyland's HeadStart Parent-Child Center Program works at a partnership with parents. It encourages and fosters Parent Involvement. Parents at Babyland I and IV are off to a "Head Start" as evidenced by their participation in the classroom setting as well as at parent workshops.

Ongoing training sessions for parents will take place throughout the year to help parents to become an integral part of the team/partnership concept of decision making within our HeadStart Program. The training will be for parents who are Policy Council officers and members and will focus on their unique roles on the Policy Council.

The training will be conducted by Sr. Suzanne Janis, Parent Involvement Coordinator. The training hopes to assist the parents in making informed decisions concerning the ongoing operation of their HeadStart program and will be valuable experience for their future growth.

Mrs. Pat Montrevil, Policy Council Chairperson, attended a recent HeadStart training session by Mr. Bob Daniels from the HeadStart New York office. She and the other parents are looking forward to further training and realize the importance of PARENTS AS PARTNERS IN THE HEAD START PROGRAM.

HeadStart Prepares Teenagers

The HeadStart Parent Child Center program started another year of providing services to the teen parents of the community. We enrolled 12 new families in addition to the 19 returning families. This brings the total number of families in the PCC program to 31.

The program has dedicated this month to fostering parent involvement within the HeadStart program. This is accomplished by having workshops with the parents on a weekly basis. The focus of the workshops have been on having the parents identify some of their social service needs (i.e. welfare, housing) to better enable the social service staff to service them.

This ensures that the parents are working with the social service staff to learn self empowerment and community awareness.

Some of the needs identified were housing, employment, and W.I.C. To address these needs, the social service staff will plan workshops throughout the year on these topics, where representatives from the above agencies will do presentations on the eligibility requirements and services provided. An answer and question period will also be allotted for the parents.

Shonda Laurel
Social Service Coordinator
HeadStart PCC

A Clean Home Is A Healthy Home

Ms. Wanda Fields is a Harmony House resident who takes pride in her environment. A frequent sight is Ms. Fields sweeping and cleaning the immediate area in front of her apartment, and tending and watering her flowers and plants. Go inside her apartment and you'll see a clean, well kept home. "It was raised and taught to keep a clean and comfortable home," said Wanda. "A clean home is a healthy home." Ms. Fields elaborated further saying, "Although Harmony House is a transitional housing facility, I have to make it like home — a nice clean home for my kids. If an apartment is dirty and drab it's depressing.

So for your physical and mental well-being, take it from Ms. Fields — take pride in your environment, keep a clean home.

Edwin Melendez

Wanda Fields



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NCC After School Reopens



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The New Community Youth Services Department is pleased to announce the reopening of the 1994/95 after school program which is located at 220 Bruce Street in Newark.

The Youth Services room has been redecorated for a brighter and cheerier look. A special thanks is extended to Ms. Florence Williams for giving the

thumbs up on the project and to Sr. Pat Love, Mr. Alan Murray and Mr. Darren Low for their untiring efforts in the clean-up, painting and remodeling of the site. The parents were delighted to see our new look when they enrolled their children for the fall/winter sessions.

Applications for children between the ages of 5-11 years old may be obtained at the Youth Services office and the fees are extremely reasonable and affordable.

The hours of operation are 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. weekdays, allowing parents an alternative to leaving their school-age children unsupervised while parents are working or otherwise engaged.

Love says, "The After School Program will provide a resource for child care that is safe, productive and fun. It will support the revitalization of the neighborhood through partnership with families, community organizations and schools, while supporting the educational development of children by offering tutorial and homework assistance daily."

"Our afterschool program will provide recreational activities within the framework that encourages self-esteem and personal development." The Department of Health and Human Services will provide daily snacks to enhance the nutritional intake of this month's participating and Ms. Virginia Westbrook, our returning tutor will be happy to discuss your child's curriculum and progress with you.

For further information please call Sr. Pat Love at (201) 623-6232 or Mr. Douglas Ayres at (201) 623-6951. We will be happy to serve you.



Darren, Doug and Pat rearranged the furniture to better serve the children's needs.

Racism's Offspring

Small boy, shy,
Looks away
Wondering why
Folks must stay
Strangers!
When he would give
All he has
That I might live.

Story Time At Douglass-Harrison

Picture this: A group of wiggly, energetic one to five year olds bounding into the Social Services office. They are full of chatter and eager for their special time. As I pull out a beautiful children's book, the children almost magically quiet down and become attentive. For the next fifty minutes or so, I read to them, giggle with them during the funny parts, and ham it up

fact that children who have been read to do better in school than those who have not had this experience. So, it is indeed good for us to have Story Time at Douglass Harrison.

The number and enthusiasm of the individuals at Story Time has grown each week. Diane Voorhees who brings her two daughters, Crystal and Courtney, said, "The parents, me for



Sr. Kathy McGonigle mesmerizes the children with a good old fashioned story.

for the dramatic, exciting episodes. As a lover of books myself, this Story Time has come to be one of my favorite times each week. I have especially enjoyed seeing the children's delight in the books. At times, they get so involved that they make noises to enact what the book's people or animals sound like, and they make predictions about what is going to happen next in the story.

Teachers and researchers agree that reading aloud to children is one of the best things we can do for them to prepare them for school. It is a proven

one, enjoy it just as much as the kids. I like it because it gives the children a little rest period, plus they're learning something." When asked how he feels about Story Time, Corey Chandler, a 5 year old, stated gleefully, "I just like it!" A specific thing that he and others like is the snack break.

Story Time is held weekly. Children under four years old must have a parent with them. Please check the calendar for the exact times and come and join us.

Sr. Kathy McGonigle

St. Rose Graduates: Where Are They Now?

The June issue of the Clarion carried the first installment of hopefully many future entries which will track the various persons who have graduated from Saint Rose of Lima School in Newark, New Jersey.

We would like to thank Sister Barbara Boyle, of New Community for this month's enlightening update on the following St. Rose Alumna.

1952: Sister Ann Lannon of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chestnut Hill, Newark, New Jersey. Ann lived in the McEvoy Apartments on Roseville Avenue, and her mother was a teacher in St. Rose of Lima School for about 30 years. Ann graduated from Our Lady of the Valley High School, Orange. She entered the

Sisters of Saint Joseph in 1956, received a B.S. degree from Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia, and taught in several elementary schools in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland. Several years ago, she felt called to work with the poor in Appalachia. She is now on her second five-year "tour of duty" in Berea, Kentucky, where she lives in St. Clare's Convent and does social work among the people.

If any of our readers knows of someone who has graduated from St. Rose and would like to send information along with name and year of graduation please send to: Joyce Cook, c/o New Community Social Services, 220 Bruce Street, Newark.

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Celebration Of Ministry

For most the word "minister" or "ministry" might mean that the topic was referring to someone serving in a religious capacity. The secondary meaning of the word is "someone who gives aid." It is this definition that the Liturgy Committee of Saint Rose of Lima Church concentrated its efforts on in planning a very special Sunday liturgy.

The New Community/St. Rose/Babyland Network is a very special group of individuals making up a "net" which is strong enough to support many people in the community and beyond from birth to death. The work which is performed by each and every individual in the Network is

families who had no where else to turn and found a new life within the arms of the Network.

Because the work of the employees is such a vital asset to the enhancement of life it can be truly seen as a ministry. Many times those who minister are unintentionally taken for granted and are in need of a special prayer that they might continue to have the strength and guidance of God to remain faithful to their service. This being recognized, the St. Rose of Lima Liturgy Committee decided it was time to have a day of celebration for all the ministries in the Network.

On Sunday, September 18, 1994, the



A work in progress. These are just a few of the patches representing various components of the NCC network. If your department would like to contribute a patch, please contact Joyce Cook at 623-6114.

vital to the existence of "self." The kind of aid or ministering which is rendered cover a wide range of areas such as: spiritual guidance, educational training, healthy living, child care and guidance, recreational encouragement, financial independency, esteem building, security, safe, affordable living, mobility, and so much more.

The Network provides aid to people on a daily basis which at times equals or surpasses the numbers one might expect from a larger government type organization.

There is nothing superficial or selfish about services which are rendered through the Network. There are many stories about success, of

First Annual Celebration of the New Community/St. Rose/Babyland Network took place. The altar of the church was draped in colors of the Network which represented the multicultural strengths of the community. All entities of the Network had been invited to participate in the service by preparing a patch which best depicted the department being represented. During the service the individual patches were brought forth in a wonderful procession and placed at the base of the altar forming a unified quilt of ministries which blanket the community and makes it most unique in comparison with other communities. Before the general dismissal, Monsignor Wm. Linder, the presider for Sunday service gathered all the Network members around the altar for a very special blessing which touched many on many levels. The New Community/St. Rose/Babyland Network is a "net" that works for the good of all.

The patches will be sewn into a quilt which will grow each year as the ministries expand.

A special thanks goes out to those who were able to have such wonderful representation of patches. The patches themselves represent the kind of love and care that go into every aspect of the Network; Harmony House, Social Services, Extended Care Facility, Medical Day Care Center, Development, Public Relations, Babyland II, Babyland III, Babyland V, Babyland Transportation, Home Friends, Babyland Headstart, Parent Education Program, St. Rose School, St. Rose Church, Human Services, Children Together, Dunkin' Donuts, Central Maintenance, Youth Services. There are still many areas working on just the right patch to be added to this "New Community Unity Quilt."

There will be a prominent location selected for viewing of the quilt and to serve as a reminder of the many ways in which people are ministered to by the Network.

Joyce Cook
Social Services

Life Tends To Give Back

"Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days."

Ecclesiastes 11:1
Life involves the reaction to physical, mental, and spiritual experiences that make up the composition of an individual. Mental experiences and the mind is important to the make up of the existence of man, and meaningful life. Proverbs 4:23 instructs, "Keep your mind with all diligence for out of it springs the issues of life," and Proverbs 16:9 goes on to assert, "A man's mind plans his way." What men constantly think about and plan in their minds tends to come back to them in the manifestation of deeds. Deeds are rarely spontaneous but rather are developed over a period of attentive concentration. The quality of reflected deeds is determined and conditioned by attributive thoughts, thus it is important to have good thoughts eligible to manifest good deeds.

Parents may give to their children the important lessons of what is right and what is wrong; the knowledge that there is a God who loves them; traditional biblical values and the significance of adhering to them. Parents may give to their children a good role model by exemplifying that which is morally good for their

children to emulate, and one day there may come back moral children a blessing to them; good citizens and neighbors to the community; creditable role models for their peers.

There is a spiritual void in the lives of many youth impoverished by want of spiritual nourishment where parents neglect to install traditional biblical values.

There is a story about a young boy living on a mountain who one day went to the edge of a cliff and cupping his hands to the side of his mouth, shouted, "I hate you. I hate you." An echo less boisterous came back, "I hate you, I hate you." The frightened boy ran back to his mother crying that a mean person shouted that he hated him. The understanding mother advised her son to go back and this time shout, "I love you." The trusting boy went back, and shouted, "I love you, I love you," and a voice responded, "I love you, I love you." You see, instructed the mother, "when you give hate, hate comes back to you, and when you give love, love comes back to you. Life tends to give back what you may give to it."

Lewis Graves, Emeritus
Springfield Branch
Newark Public Library

Good Neighbor Award

Mr. Howard Newbill, the Super at Homes Court, is the GENTLEMAN referred to in our July/August issue.

For a short while he worked as a maintenance person, but not for long. He soon graduated to being Super at Homes Court, the oldest building in NCC Corporation. While enjoying a conversation with Mr. Newbill, he stated that he is from Virginia. He is used to working and likes his job. He gets along with people. As a Social Worker, I am in contact with the Super a lot. He is always getting all the repairs done that he can, expressing concern for people, just going that extra mile if he has to.

We want Mr. Newbill to know that he is appreciated and respected by all of us.

Emma Jean Miller Curlin



ARE YOU A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Ask Yourself These Questions:

- Has your partner hit, kicked, shoved, or thrown things at you?
- Are you frightened of your partner's temper?
- Has your partner threatened to kill you?
- Has your partner threatened you with a weapon?
- Have you been held against your will by your partner?
- Have you been restrained by your partner with such things as chains or handcuffs?
- Has your partner stalked you, sent threatening letters, or made unwanted phone calls to you at home or work?
- Has your partner damaged or destroyed your belongings?
- Has your partner forced you to have sex against your will?
- Has your partner violated a prior restraining order?

If you can answer YES to just one of these questions, you are the victim of domestic violence, and you need to take action **RIGHT AWAY**. Domestic violence will not just disappear. It will hang over again, and again, and again.

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